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1. It is believed that the military airfield at Zatec (N51/F10), which was begun under German occupation and which was nearly completed by mid-October 1950, will become the headquarters of the first Czech jet fighter air force unit. In mid-October, there were no planes on the field.
2. The field is located in open country and there are no obstacles to hinder take-offs and landings. There are two main runways, each about 1,400 meters long and 300 meters wide, and while there are as yet no dispersal shelters for aircraft, six additional taxiways which will permit rapid dispersal or quick formation of planes have been constructed. A branch of the railroad from Postoloprty (N51/F21) leads to a loading ramp alongside the main runway.
3. Five underground gasoline storage tanks have been built, each having a capacity of 20,000 liters. Gasoline tanks are also being built aboveground. In mid-October 1950 there were neither military supplies nor military equipment at the field. A military guard unit consisting of members of the auxiliary air force is stationed there. The construction work at the field was done by about 1,200 infantry soldiers and about 350 civilians. High-ranking Czech army officers regularly visited the field, and a Soviet general used to come from the headquarters in Panenske Brozany (N51/F52).

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